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Image decompression method involves determining decomposition level, such  
that wavelet transform coefficients in determined decomposition level has  
size equal to or nearer to size of decompressed image

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